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Classified by Polcouns Craig Karp for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) In a September 18 meeting with MFA IO Chief (A/S equivalent) Nasser Bourita, Polcouns expressed U.S. appreciation for Morocco's strong message at the recent IAEA Board of Governors meeting and drew from reftel to emphasize the U.S. view that DG ElBaradei's "Plan of Action" represented a last chance for Iran to demonstrate its willingness to cooperate with the international community and to underline that a third sanctions resolution is the logical next step forward.

12. (C) Bourita reiterated Morocco's position that while Iran has the right to nuclear power, it must respect its international obligations and work in transparency. He added that Morocco viewed ElBaradei's plan as "helpful and constructive, but not enough."

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